

Figure 2 Internet Safety Contract used by Gifted Kids Network (www.giftedkidsnetwork.com)

The Internet Safety Contract is designed to create a working environment that is scholastic, based on protection of personal information, respectful, and creative.

Rules

- DO use the computers for research on school projects or to connect with other students in a positive manner.
 - DON'T search for illegal, crude, rude, crass and inappropriate things.
 - DON'T harass other students through blogs.
 - DON'T plagiarize or download anything illegally.
1. I will never post any information more personal than my first name.
 2. I will not post pictures of myself or others (family, students or staff in my school or enrichment program).
 3. I will use language appropriate for school.
 4. I will not plagiarize; instead I will expand on others' ideas and give credit where it is due.
 5. I will not insult my fellow students or their work.
 6. I will not be afraid to express my ideas, while not making derogatory remarks.
 7. I will use constructive/productive/purposeful criticism, supporting any idea, comment, or critique I have with evidence.
 8. I will only post pieces that I am comfortable with everyone seeing; other pieces I will keep as drafts.
 9. I will take all online content creation seriously, posting only things that are meaningful and taking my time when I create.
 10. I will try to spell everything correctly.
 11. I will not use my public writing (blog posts, comments, discussion topics, wiki edits) as a chat room.
 12. I will not bully others in my blog posts or in my comments.
 13. I will never access another student's account in order to pose as them.
 14. I will take responsibility for anything blogged in my name.
 15. I will not provoke other students in my blog posts or comments.
 16. I will only post photos which are school appropriate and either in the creative commons or correctly cited.
 17. I will not spam (including, but not limited to meaningless messages, mass messages, and repetitive messages)
 18. If I find an inappropriate site or image I will hit the back key and contact an adult.
 19. I will not enter a chat room.

Infractions of these rules will lead to the following consequences in order of severity and number of offense:

1. Letter of apology to those offended by the infraction (individual students or GKN community), warning by facilitator, and editing or deletion of offending post/comment.
2. Dismissal from Gifted Kids Network program.

Permission

We are asking for you and your child to discuss and sign the following form.

My student _____ has permission to participate in this online learning project from January 10, 2008 – April 30, 2008.

I have read and understood these internet safety rules and policies and I agree to uphold them.

Student's signature: _____ date: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's signature: _____ date: _____

Parent's phone: _____ Parent's email: _____